CLAIM OR CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A structure for use in audio playback, comprising:

a pair of audio speakers each having a housing, a retractable fastener movable between a retracted position and a fully extended position, and a fixed fastener movable between a locking position and an unlocking position while the retractable fasteners are in the retracted position and one of the fixed fasteners overlaps the other of the fixed fasteners.

2. A structure as in claim 1, wherein the retractable fasteners are spring biased and the fixed fasteners are fixed against bias, the spring biased fasteners compressing associated springs to reach the retracted position from the fully extended position.

3. A structure as in claim 1, wherein each of the housings having a configuration that is of a convex shape, each of the retractable fasteners and the fixed fasteners having an outward face that conforms in shape to the convex shape while the retractable fasteners are in the fully extended position.

4. A structure as in claim 1, further comprising an audio cord extending from each of the housings and being spooled about a junction between the pair of speakers while the fasteners are in the locked condition, the junction where the one of the fixed fasteners overlaps the other of the fixed fasteners.

5. A structure as in claim 3, wherein at least one of the fixed fasteners has corners so that while both of the spring biased fasteners are compressed simultaneously, the housings may be twisted relative to each other in a rotation direction to move the fixed fasteners between the locking and unlocking conditions.

6. A structure as in claim 3, further comprising an audio cord or wire extending from each of the housings and being spooled about a junction, which is where the fixed fasteners overlap.

7. A structure as in claim 1, wherein at least one of the fixed fasteners has corners and the other of the fixed fasteners has an edge that accommodates the corners and has blocking elements arranged to block the corners when the retractable fasteners are retracted so that the housings may be rotated relative to each other at most by a quarter turn.

8. A structure as in claim 1, wherein one of the fixed fasteners has an annular configuration that encircles a void and the other of the fixed fasteners having a configuration that fits into the void.

9. A method of arranging a structure for use in audio playback, comprising moving housings of two speakers between a locking condition and an unlocking condition, the moving including moving the housing to the locking condition by aligning a retractable fastener of one of the speakers with a fixed fastener of the other of the

fasteners and a fixed fastener of the one of the speakers with a retractable fastener of the other the speakers, retracting the retractable fasteners of each of the speakers simultaneously and then twisting the housings relative to each other so that fixed fasteners of the speakers engage each other, the moving including moving the housings to an unlocking condition by untwisting the housings relative to each other to clear engagement of the fixed fasteners from each other and then fully extending each of the retractable fasteners to thereby separate the speakers.

10. A method as in claim 9, further comprising moving the housings into the locking condition and spooling a common audio cord or wire of the speakers about a junction formed where the fixed fasteners are engaged with each other.

11. A method as in claim 9, further comprising blocking the housings from rotating relative to each other beyond the locking and unlocking positions.

12. A structure for audio playback, comprising:

two audio speakers each having housings and fasteners that cooperate to provide a convex configuration, the fasteners of one of the speakers being arranged to be in engagement with the fasteners of the other of the speakers to lock the housings together and being configured to release from each other by disengaging the fasteners, the fasteners of each of the speakers including one that is retractable between a retracted and fully extended position and one that is fixed against retraction.

13. A structure as in claim 12, wherein the two audio speakers have audio cord or wire that extends from the housings and is spooled about a junction, the junction being where the fasteners are in the engagement with each other.

14. A structure as in claim 12, wherein the engagement includes one of the fasteners of one of the speakers being arranged to overlap with another of the fasteners of the other of the speakers.

15. A structure as in claim 12, wherein at least one of the fixed fasteners has corners and the other of the fixed fasteners has an edge that accommodates the corners and has blocking elements arranged to block the corners when the retractable fasteners are retracted so that the housings may be rotated relative to each other at most by a quarter turn.

16. A structure as in claim 12, wherein one of the fixed fasteners has an annular configuration that encircles a void and the other of the fixed fasteners having a configuration that fits into the void.

17. A structure for audio playback, comprising:

an audio speaker having a housing and fasteners that cooperate with each other to provide a convex configuration, the fasteners being arranged to engage with counterpart fasteners of another speaker to lock and being configured to release by disengaging the fasteners, the fasteners including one that is retractable

between a retracted and fully extended position and one that is fixed against retraction.

18. A structure as in claim 17, wherein one of the fasteners has an annular configuration that encircles a void, the other of the fasteners having a configuration that fits within the void.

19. A structure as in claim 18, wherein the one of the fasteners is spring biased.

20. A structure as in claim 18, where the other of the fasteners is spring biased.

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